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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: GOZ PLANS TO COPE WITH SHABA INVASION

1. CZAMISH HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING REPORT BASED ON A MEETING CALLED 11 APRIL BY GENERAL BABIA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING AND SUPPORTING FUTURE OPERATIONS IN SHABA.

2. BABIA DISTRIBUTED DDN OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE NUMBER 5 WHICH GIVES HIS GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PHASE I: CONTAIN THE ENEMY PENETRATION IN SHABA AND ASSUME COUNTERINFILTRATION BLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG:

- (1) KASAI-SHABA BORDER TO THE KAMUTABAI-MUSALA RIVER, ALONG KAPANGA-KANIAMA AXIS.
- (2) SAMUYEMBA CROSSROADS, ALONG SANDOA-KAMINA AXIS.
- (3) KINDA, ALONG KOLWEZI-KAMINA AXIS.
- (4) LUFUPA RIVER WITH MAIN EFFORT FORWARD OF KOLWEZI AND SECONDARY EFFORTS ON KAPANGA-KANANGA AXIS AND ROADS LEADING TO KAMINA.

B. PHASE II:

- (1) RECEIVE AND PREPARE FOR COMBAT ONE MOROCCAN BRIGADE IN KOLWEZI AREA AND ESTABLISH AN ADVANCED LOGISTICAL BASE AT KOLWEZI FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

- (2) SIMULTANEOUSLY RECEIVE AND PREPARE FOR COMBAT ONE BRIGADE

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(FURNISHED BY A FRIENDLY COUNTRY) AT KAMINA AND ORGANIZE AN ADVANCE LOGISTICAL BASE FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS AT THAT LOCATION.

- (3) IN THE EVENT ABOVE BRIGADE NOT FURNISHED, ASSEMBLE, EQUIP AND TRAIN A FAZ BRIGADE (MINUS) TO BE PLACED AT KAMINA.

- (4) SIMULTANEOUSLY ASSEMBLE, EQUIP AND TRAIN A FAZ BATTALION (PLUS) AT KANANGA AND STOCK NECESSARY LOGISTICAL SUPPLIES FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS FROM KASAI.

C. PHASE III:

(1) PASS TO THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE WITH MAIN EFFORT ALONG THE KOLWEZI-KILOLO AXIS. SECONDARY EFFORT FROM KAMINA TO THE SOUTHWEST AND DIVERSIONARY EFFORT FROM LUIZA TO THE SOUTH.

(2) SIMULTANEOUSLY PROTECT CRITICAL POINTS IN THE REAR AREA. PACIFY THE RECONQUERED AREA AND CONDUCT SOCIAL, CIVIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTIONS.

(3) REINSTALL CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, REORGANIZE THE POPULATION AND RECOMMENCE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE RECONQUERED ZONES.

D. TIMING:

(1) PHASE I: CURRENTLY IN PROCESS.

(2) PHASE II:

(A) ASSUMPTION I (INFUSION OF ALLIED BRIGADE AT KAMINA) 2-4 WEEKS.

(B) ASSUMPTION II (FAZ BRIGADE) 10-12 WEEKS AS A MINIMUM.

E. REMARKS:

(1) THE ABOVE WILL VARY AS A FUNCTION OF:

(A) THE ARRIVAL OR NONARRIVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL ALLIED BRIGADE.

(B) THE ACTUAL DATE OF ARRIVAL OF THIS BRIGADE.

(C) ENEMY ACTIONS.

(2) A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE STRICTLY FROM KOLWEZI TOWARDS ENEMY OCCUPIED POSITIONS IS NOT TO BE EXCLUDED.

(3) IN THE EVENT OF STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE ON KOLWEZI, RAPID INTERVENTION OF THE MOROCCAN BRIGADE MUST BE ENVISIONED.

3. DISCUSSION NEXT FOCUSED ON WAYS AND MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING THE ABOVE. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT:

A. FOR THE FAZ BRIGADE TO BE ULTIMATELY PLACED AT KAMINA. BELGIAN ADVISORY PERSONNEL WILL DEVELOP A TOE FOR A LIGHT BRIGADE  
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CONSISTING OF THREE BATTALIONS WITH THREE RIFLE COMPANIES EACH AND ONE LIGHT ENGINEER COMPANY AND 81MM MORTAR PLATOON. RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING THIS BRIGADE WILL BE GIVEN TO FAZ INSTRUCTOR PERSONNEL FROM THE COMMANDO SCHOOL AT KOTA KOLI WHILE A BELGIAN OFFICER WILL DEVELOP THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND MONITOR IT CLOSELY. RETRAINING OF THE BATTALION AT KANANGA WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS MANNER USING BELGIAN PERSONNEL LOCATED THERE.

B. IN THE KOLWEZI AREA IT IS ENVISIONED REORGANIZING AND RETRAINING ONE BATTALION AT A TIME, ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS. TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT NZILO UNDER GENERAL SINGA AND FRENCH ADVISORY PERSONNEL. IN THE EVENT OF STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE IN THE AREA, THE MOROCCANS WILL PROVIDE COVER.

C. THE FRENCH WILL TRAIN THE 81MM MORTAR PLATOONS IN THE KINSHASA AREA. THEY WILL ALSO GIVE TACTICAL TRAINING TO A COMPANY OF AML'S TO BE EVENTUALLY PLACED AT KAMINA. ONE FRENCH OFFICER AND TWO OR THREE MAINTENANCE NCO'S WILL ACCOMPANY. THE FRENCH WILL ALSO ORGANIZE AND TRAIN A RANGER/COMMANDO COMPANY COMPOSED OF SPECIALLY SELECTED PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS BEHIND ENEMY LINES. THIS TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE KINSHASA AREA

AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST 10-12 WEEKS.

4. COMMAND RELATIONS WAS THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION. THE FRENCH AND BELGIANS POINTED OUT THAT OPERATIONS CANNOT CONTINUE WITH THE DUALITY OF COMMAND THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS. THAT IS, GENERAL BUMBA ISSUING ORDERS FROM KAMINA AND GENERAL BABIA ISSUING ORDERS FROM KINSHASA. IT WAS AGREED THAT SHABA OPERATIONS COMMAND UNDER BUMBA WOULD BE ELIMINATED AND THAT MOBUTU AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF SHOULD ISSUE ORDERS THRU BABIA TO THE THREE SHABA SUB Sectors.

5. REORGANIZATION OF THE DDN STAFF: DDN WILL BE REORGANIZED INTO AN OPERATIONAL STAFF TO CONTROL SHABA OPERATIONS AND A SEPARATE STAFF TO PERFORM NORMAL DAY TO DAY DDN FUNCTIONS. THE OPERATIONAL STAFF WILL BE A NORMAL, GENERAL STAFF TYPE ORGANIZATION. IT WILL INCLUDE BELGIAN OFFICERS AS G3 AND G4 RESPECTIVELY. THE FRENCH WILL HAVE A LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE G2 TO COORDINATE HIS

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ACTIVITIES AND WILL PLACE FOUR ADDITIONAL STAFF OFFICERS TO AUGMENT/ADVISE THE DDN STAFF. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED. A SEPARATE AREA WITHIN THE DDN BUILDING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INCLUDE OFFICE SPACE FOR THE VARIOUS STAFF SECTIONS, AN OPERATIONS CENTER, AND A BRIEFING ROOM. FOR SECURITY REASONS, ACCESS TO THIS AREA WILL BE LIMITED AND WILL BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED. DAILY BRIEFINGS OF ALLIED MILITARY ATTACHES WILL COMMENCE AND BE GIVEN IN THE BRIEFING ROOM.

6. COMMENT: GOZ PLANS AS DESCRIBED IN THE MEETING SEEM TO CONCENTRATE ON RETRAINING AND REFITTING FAZ TROOPS IN SHABA FROM THE GROUND UP. GIVEN THEIR PERFORMANCE TO DATE, NOTHING LESS WOULD WORK. THIS EMPHASIS ON HOLDING KOLWEZI/KAMINA AND CONCENTRATING ON RETRAINING IS AT SOME VARIANCE WITH OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS WHICH POINT TOWARD AN IMMEDIATE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE, BUT THE PHASING IN THE OPS ORDER MAKES MORE SENSE. OF EQUAL INTEREST IS THE BELGIAN/FRENCH INSISTENCE THAT GEN. BUMBA MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT BUMBA'S REMOVAL WAS SO IMPORTANT TO SUCCESSFUL SHABA OPERATIONS THAT IF NECESSARY HE WOULD PERSONALLY URGE MOBUTU TO TAKE THIS ACTION. UNTIL NOW MOBUTU HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO MOVE AGAINST BUMBA, FEARING THAT THE BUMBLING CAPTAIN GENERAL MIGHT STILL RETAIN HIS OLD POPULARITY WITH THE PARA-COMMANDOS. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THE POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE GENERAL STAFF WORKS OUT.

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